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10 Ways to Give Back in 2020

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Through the years, you've found countless meaningful ways to support the clients of God's Love. Through volunteering, donating, and simply acting as an ambassador, you have done so much to make sure we can always be there for our neighbors living with severe and chronic illness.

In that spirit, here are some unique ways you can give back to God's Love.

What's an easy thing to do with friends that raises awareness and funds for God's Love? A Facebook fundraiser! Every \$10 you raise funds a delicious, medically tailored meal for a client living with illness. Start your Facebook fundraiser here.

In May, our genLOVE Executive Committee members took a day off from their day jobs to volunteer for Client Meal Delivery. Each member got matched up with a driver to make deliveries all around the City. Thanks to Josh Cohen, Julia Cordry, Joanna Groarke, Trent Huffmann, Eryn Hughes, Chloe Kelley, Jonathan Lau, Anjuli Nanda, and Christina Sardone for truly going the distance for our clients—collectively, this group delivered 500 meals to our neighbors who are too sick to shop or cook for themselves.

Learn more about genLOVE, our young professionals group, here.

The Legacy Society is comprised of individuals who have chosen to support our work by including God's Love in their estate plans. Planned gifts, including bequests, create an extraordinary opportunity to provide the much-needed resources that will enable God's Love to help the seriously ill today and well into the future. Learn more about the Legacy Society here.

Our Thursday night volunteer shift held their 10th annual Lasagna dinner fundraiser in November in support of the Race to Deliver. In the past 10 years, they've raised over \$180,000!

This holiday season, once again our friends at The Met held their annual Holiday Bake-Off, raising \$1,000 for God's Love We Deliver!

This summer, our young friend Hannah captured our heart with her lemonade stand benefiting God's Love. In total, she raised a whopping \$700 with her stand and a Facebook fundraiser (for friends and family who couldn't come by), funding 70 medically tailored meals for our clients! Over in Warsaw, NY our young friends Isadora and Ariadna held their stand for the second year in a row to benefit God's Love — free lemonade with a donation to God's Love. We're grateful for the hard work and generosity of these young hearts and thanks to everyone who supported their stands, too!

Our vans drive 190,000 miles each year and must be replaced every 1-2 years. Help us go the distance for our clients by purchasing a van to help us deliver! Please contact Brandon Bryant at bbryant@glwd.org for information on joining our VANguard Program and sponsoring a van.

Last year, we had cyclists and runners go hundreds of miles in support of our mission. Our friends at Douglas Elliman biked hundreds of miles (and hit their \$1 million goal!) for the <u>Douglas Elliman Ride for Love</u>, and our <u>Race to Deliver participants</u> ran miles for meals.

It's never too early to start volunteering and supporting your favorite charity! This past year, our Young Hearts planted herbs in our garden, built breakfast kits for the children on our program, raised funds with our Piggy Banks, and more!

Every year, our volunteers work in every capacity with every department. No matter your skill or interest, we're sure we have the volunteer opportunity for you!

Thank You for all that You Do

And there are many ways to get involved this year. Perhaps you'll purchase a <u>Tile for Love</u>, host a <u>Facebook fundraiser</u>, <u>or find another way to give</u>. Perhaps you'll make <u>birthday cards</u> for our clients or sponsor something on our <u>Wish List</u>. Perhaps you'll join us at <u>NYC Pride</u> or become a member of our <u>Legacy Society</u>.

Whatever your involvement, and however you choose to give your time, talent, support, and love, know that we are grateful for all of the many ways you help make our work possible. Thank you, from the bottom of our pots.

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